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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NEWS CONFERENCE BY SAN DIEGO CITY ATTORNEY CASEY GWINN STATEMENT**

This morning federal agents, in cooperation with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the San Diego Police Department, executed search warrants and delivered subpoenas to the San Diego City Council offices of Council members Michael Zucchet, Charles Lewis, and Ralph Inzunza as well as to the San Diego Data Processing Corporation. This afternoon computer servers for the City Hall council offices were shut down for approximately two hours in order to cooperate with the investigation.

The City Attorney will be assisting the United States Attorney's Office during this investigation. I have directed my staff to assist the United States Attorney in every aspect of their investigation.

This is a very difficult day for the City of San Diego, but I want to urge everyone to be cautious and reserved in drawing any conclusions at this point. Reputations can be destroyed in an investigation such as this even though individual Council members may never face actual charges of wrongdoing.

I know you have many questions but let me caution you that I may not be able to respond to most of your questions. We need to let the United States Attorney and the FBI conduct their investigation and we need to await the outcome of that investigation before drawing any conclusions about the involvement of any member of the San Diego City Council.

The Mayor and I will be meeting tomorrow to evaluate the impact of today's events on the on-going activities of City government. We are committed to serving the people of San Diego and conducting the daily business of the City as we await the outcome of the investigation.

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